

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (APELSCIDLA BOARD)

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

INFORMAL FACT-FINDING CONFERENCES MAY 8, 2003 (9:30 a.m.)

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects convened in Richmond, Virginia, for the purpose of holding Informal Fact-Finding Conferences pursuant to the Administrative Process Act.

Stanley C. Harris, Board Member, Presided. No other Board Members were present.

Douglas W. Schroder appeared for the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

The conferences were recorded by Inge Snead & Associates, LTD.

Lic=Licensing Application

A=Applicant

1. N.H. Joshi & Associates, Inc.
File Number 2003-02814 (Lic)

N.H. Joshi – A

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects

Ralph B. Higgins, Chairman

Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION**

**BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS,
CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

**RE: N. H. JOSHI & ASSOCIATES, INC.
BUSINESS ENTITY REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

FILE NUMBER: 2003-02814

Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference

An Informal Fact-Finding Conference (IFF) was convened on May 8, 2003, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, pursuant to a Notice of Informal Fact-Finding Conference sent by certified mail to N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc. in care of Patricia A. Harper, Office Manager, on April 28, 2003. The following individuals participated at the conference: Nalin H. Joshi, Applicant; Douglas W. Schroder, Staff Member; and Stanley C. Harris, presiding Board Member.

Summation of Facts

1. On October 21, 2002, the Board office received the Business Entity Registration Application for N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc.
2. N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc. may not meet the Board's Regulations 18 VAC 10-20-40, effective March 1, 2002 which states, "An applicant licensed, certified or registered to practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture or interior design in another jurisdiction shall be in good standing in every jurisdiction where licensed, certified or registered, and shall not have had a license, certificate or registration suspended, revoked or surrendered in connection with a disciplinary action or who has been the subject of discipline in another jurisdiction prior to applying for licensure, certification or registration in Virginia."
3. N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc. provided documentation with the business application regarding action taken by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation before the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. As a result of this action from the South Carolina Board, N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc. may not meet the Board's Regulations 18 VAC 10-20-20(E), 18 VAC 10-20-20(G) and 18 VAC 10-20-750, effective March 1, 2002.

4. The South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors found that Joshi violated the South Carolina Engineering and Land Surveying Law, specifically SC Code Ann., Section 40-22-30(A)(3) as amended.
5. During the testimony Mr. Joshi stated that the action taken by the South Carolina Board was a fine of \$500.00, with no restrictions or actions taken against his license. The documentation from South Carolina indicated that the fine was an administrative sanction.
6. Mr. Nalin Harilal Joshi is the president and owner of N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc. and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Joshi was initially licensed in Virginia February 13, 2003.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Based upon the information presented at the conference, I recommend N. H. Joshi & Associates, Inc.'s application for business entity registration be approved.

By: _____

Stanley C. Harris
Board for Architects, Professional
Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified
Interior Designers and Landscape
Architects

Date: _____